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SUBJECT: ECOSOC--CHILEAN ISSUE IN SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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1. CHILEAN MISSION COUNSELOR HOLGER INFORMED MISOFF THAT ON MAY 3 PERMREP AMB BAZAN ON INSTRUCTIONS HANDED OFFICIAL INVITATION TO SYG WALDHEIM TO VISIT CHILE IN JUNE OR JULY IN ORDER OBSERVE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION THERE. WALDHEIM DEMURRED ON GROUNDS TOO BUSY AT THAT TIME. CHILEAN MISSION NOW HAS INSTRUCTIONS TO INFORM WALDHEIM THAT AUGUST OR SEPT EQUALLY ACCEPTABLE, BUT IS CONFIDENT THAT WALDHEIM WILL NOT ACCEPT INVITATION IN ANY CASE, A VIEW WE SHARE.

2. MISOFF ASKED HOLGER WHETHER ANOTHER HIGH UN OFFICIAL, SPECIFICALLY, BRADFORD MORSE, USYG FOR POLITICAL AND GA AFFAIRS AND US CITIZEN, WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE IN PLACE OF WALDHEIM. HOLGER REPLIED CHILEAN MISSION HAD SAME IDEA BUT THAT SANTIAGO WAS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT RECEIVING ANY OFFICIAL BELOW SYG'S RANK. HOLGER THEN SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS US EMBASSY

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SANTIAGO MIGHT BE ABLE TO INFLUENCE THE GOC TO ACCEPT

MORSE INSTEAD OF WALDHEIM. MISOFF AGREED TO REQUEST DEPT'S AND EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT BUT ADDED THAT IT WAS DOUBTFUL THAT UN WOULD DISPATCH ANY HIGH OFFICIAL TO SANTIAGO WITHOUT SOME ADVANCE ASSURANCE THAT HE WOULD NOT RETURN EMPTY-HANDED. HOLGER ANSWERED THAT HE AGREED ON THAT.

3. IN SOCIAL COMITE MAY 9 SOVIET REP WAS FIRST SPEAKER ON AGENDA ITEM 10(B) REPORT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC) AND DEVOTED MUCH OF HIS TIME TO CASTIGATION OF CHILEAN JUNTA FOR ITS VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, SPICING HIS DENUNCIATION WITH REPORTS OF TORTURE AND STARVATION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, CONCENTRATION CAMPS, UNIQUE METHODS OF EXECUTION, ETC. AS YET, WE HAVE NO INDICATION OF WHETHER OR NOT SOVIET DEL IS PLANNING ANY MORE TANGIBLE ACTION, SUCH AS CONDEMNATORY RES.

4. MEANWHILE, SINCE COMITE WELL BEHIND SCHEDULE, CHAIRMAN HAS SET DEADLINE OF 6:00 PM TODAY, FRIDAY, MAY 10, FOR SUBMISSION OF ALL REMAINING RESES, RULING WHICH SOVIET REP QUESTIONED BUT DID NOT PERSIST IN OPPOSING. UK REP MACRAE NOTIFIED USUN THIS AM THAT UK AND NETHERLANDS DELS HAVE WORKED UP RES WHICH THEY BELIEVE COULD PASS BY CONSENSUS. AFTER NOTING THAT ECOSOC SHARES CONCERN VOICED BY HRC AND NOTING ALSO WITH CONCERN THAT REPORTS OF CONTINUED VIOLATIONS CONTINUE TO BE RECEIVED FROM CHILE, RES THEN CONCLUDED WITH FOLLOWING TWO OP PARAS:
A. ENDORSES THE CONCERN EXPRESSED BY THE HRC;
B. CALLS UPON THE GOC TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO RESTORE AND SAFEGUARD BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, PARTICULARLY THOSE INVOLVING THREATS TO BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS OF LIFE AND LIBERTY.

5. UK MOST ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN USG RESPONSE TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS PRIOR TO 6:00 DEADLINE:
A. WOULD US BE ABLE TO ACCEPT ABOVE RES, WHICH MACRAE REGARDS AS ABOUT WEAKEST RES POSSIBLE. MISOFF AGREED WITH THAT VIEW OF RES AND THOUGHT THAT USG CERTAINLY COULD GO ALONG WITH CONSENSUS BUT WOULD CONFIRM WITH WASHINGTON.)

B. WOULD USG BE ABLE TO AGREE TO STRONGER RES ALONG LINES OF THOSE SUGGESTED BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (REFTEL), I.E.,
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ONE WHICH WOULD REQUEST THE SUB-COMMISSION ON THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AND THE PROTECTION OF MINORITIES OF THE HRC TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY OF THE SITUATION IN CHILE BASED UPON INFO FROM ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES. MISOFF CONCURRED WITH MACRAE THAT SUCH A REPORT WAS NOT LIKELY TO PERSUADE JUNTA TO MODERATE ITS PRESENT COURSE AND THAT PROJECTED TRIP BY HIGH UN OFFICIAL LIKELY TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE. HOWEVER, AGREED TO OBTAIN DEPT'S VIEWS ON THIS ALTERNATIVE AS WELL.

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